

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks. It is believed that this response overcomes the objections and rejections to these claims and puts them in condition for allowance.


Claims 1-23, 36, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a) as being unpatentable. Claims 1-23 have been cancelled in an effort to expedite prosecution. Claim 36 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 38, which was indicated to have allowable subject matter. Claim 38 has been cancelled, because claim 36 is now claim 38 rewritten to be in independent form. Thus, amended claim 36 and claim 37 (which depends on claim 36) should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 24-35 and 39-65. New claims 66-83 are dependent on claim 24 which was indicated to have allowable subject matter. Thus, these claims should be in condition for allowance. New claims 84-101 are dependent on claim 39 which was indicated to have allowable subject matter. Thus, these claims should also be in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is, therefore, respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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